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A VIDEO GAME ADVENTURE



Requires at least one player who takes orders well and doesn't have a whole lot of self-esteem.

**REAL ARCADE
HENCHMAN
ACTION!**



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SUDDENLY, THE CHAMBER DOORS BURST OPEN.

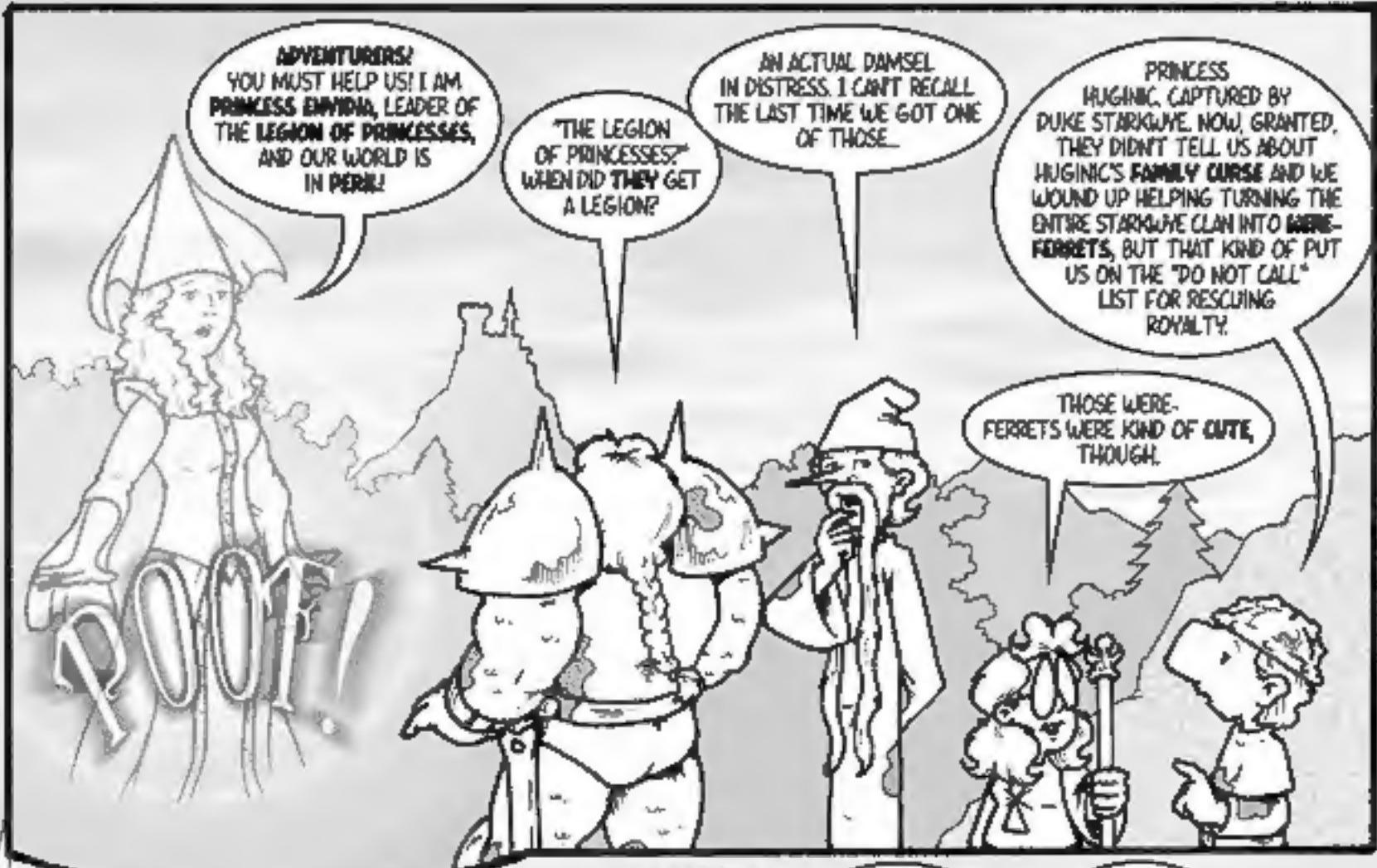


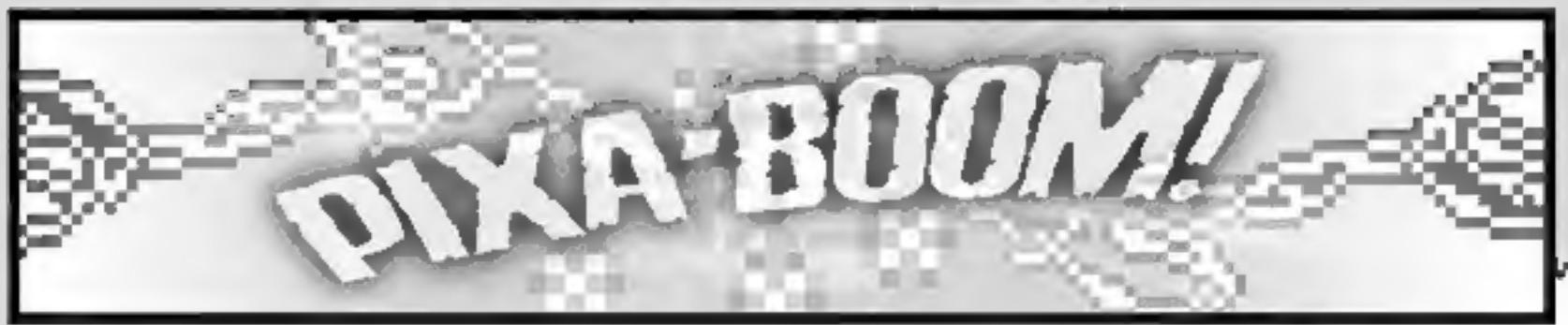
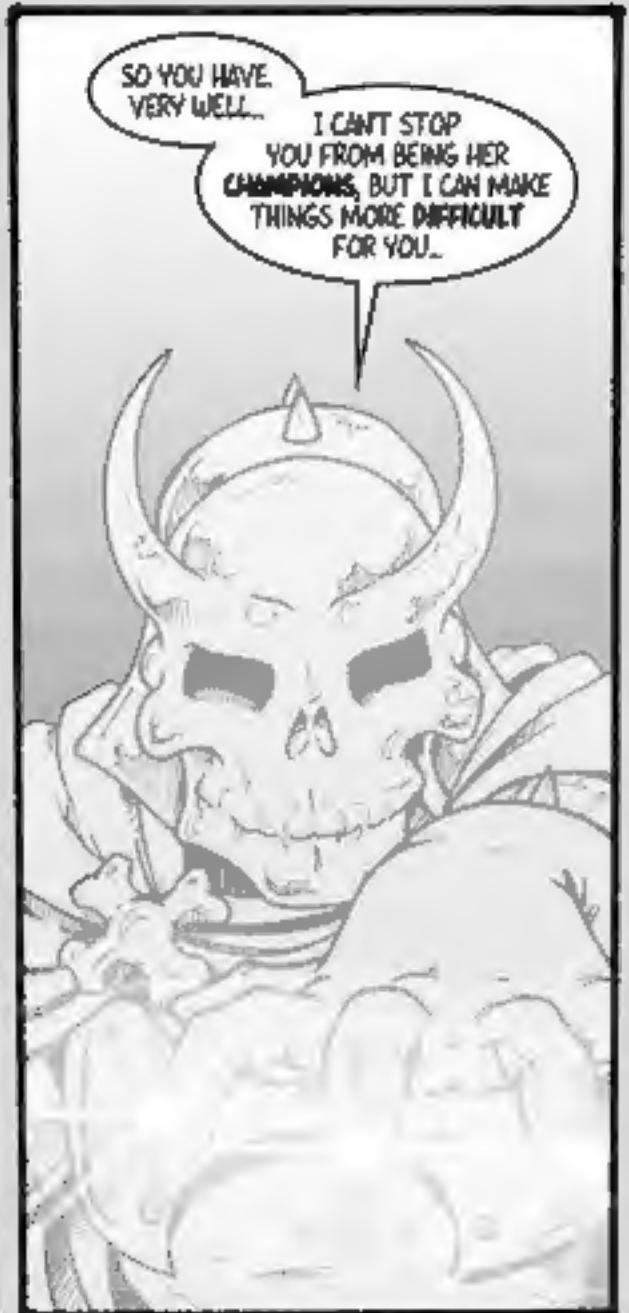


MEANWHILE, NOT TOO FAR AWAY...



* SHORT FOR "JELLY OF OLYMPUS," A DELICACY OF THE MIDDLE AGES WHICH ONLY OCCASIONALLY ATTACKED AND ATE THOSE MEANT TO BE CONSUMING IT. ANY RESEMBLANCE TO OTHER TRADEMARKED DESSERTS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.





BWAHA-HAA, AND SO ON. I'VE TAKEN ALMOST ALL OF THE BITS THAT MAKE UP REALITY, AND I'VE SCATTERED THEM ACROSS THE LAND. THE REMAINING EIGHT BITS ARE BEING HELD FOR RANSOM. IF THE RULERS OF EVERY KINGDOM DONT SURRENDER TO ME, I'LL DESTROY THE LAST EIGHT BITS, ENDING THE WORLD!

IF YOU DO THAT, WON'T YOU BE DESTROYED, TOO?

HEY, I'M EVIL, NOT STUPID. IF I HAVE TO VAPORIZIZE THE WORLD, I'LL REMAKE IT INTO ONE MORE TO MY LIKING.

OF COURSE, THAT'S A TON OF WORK, SO I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CURRENT MODEL. IF THOSE RULING IT WILL JUST SURRENDER, THERE'S LESS PAPERWORK THAT WAY.



POOF!



OKAY, SO NOW WHAT DO I-?



PIFT!



FWHOOMP!



Hello, I'm Artax the wizard, and I'm your guide as you begin your quest to fight the evil plans of Count Repugnive. Say 'A' to continue.

ARTAX
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO?



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UH, "B?"

One hundred and twenty members of the Legion of Princesses have been scattered across the land.

RIGHT.
I GOT THAT PART.

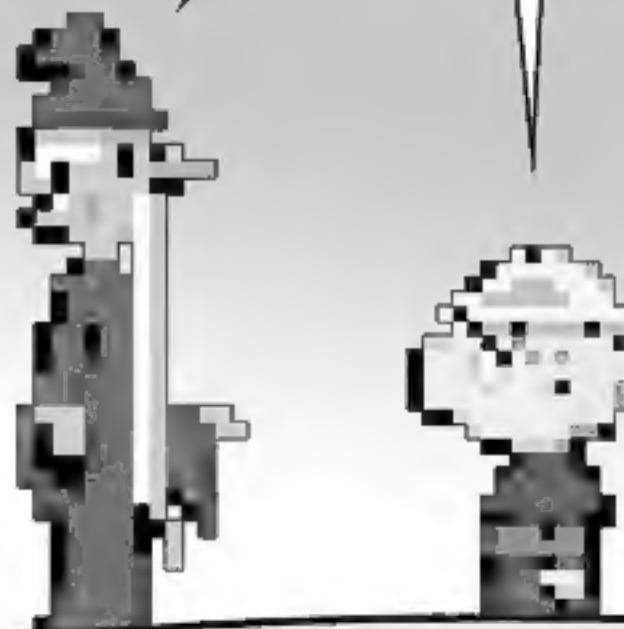


They are each imprisoned in a castle, the next more perilous than the last.

A HUNDRED
AND TWENTY CASTLES?
THERE ARE THAT MANY?
ANYWHERE?

You must rescue each of them and reclaim their "bit" of the world. Once you have them all, go to the final castle and reassemble the one hundred and twenty-eight bits of reality. Good luck! Say "B" to continue.

BUT, WHERE
ARE THE OTHERS? WHERE'S
DUFFY?



That is an invalid-

OH, "B."
THEN "B."

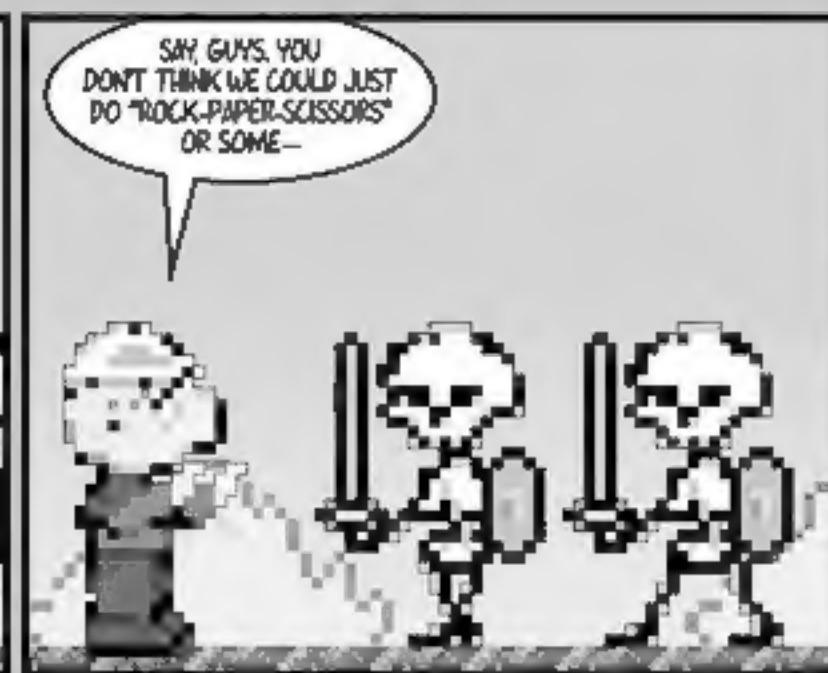
AH, THAT'S
HANDY.

GO!
POINT!

OH, WAIT!
WHICH WAY TO DO
I GO?

BL-POOFO!





Arise, Nodwick, and live
to fight on for goodness
and baby bunnies!

Say "A" for
tips and hints!

"A" LAY IT ON ME



I HOPE THIS
IS AS SIMPLE AS HELPING YEAGAR
WHEN HE LOCKS HIMSELF IN THE
BATHROOM.

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AS DEATHTRAPS GO,
IT'S COZY, I GUESS.

This is the first of
the many castles
you have to
traverse. Say 'A' to
continue.

DON'T
REMIND ME.
"A"

Be sure to look
for hidden bonus
items. Good luck!

KERPOOF!





NODWICK FOUND A KEY!

HOLY MOLEHILLS!

JEEZE. YOU SCARE EASY.

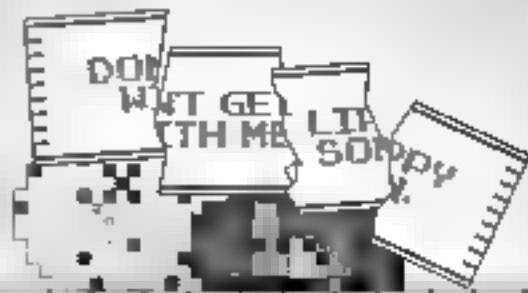
ARE YOU GOING TO ANNOUNCE EVERYTHING THAT I DO?

MAYYYYYBE.

SWELL

DON'T GET LIPPY
WITH ME, SON.

OR?



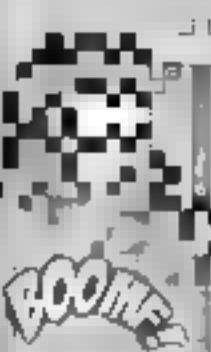
Oh, APPLESAUCE!
You appear to
have died again!

You have one life left.
I hope your loved
ones have made
arrangements for you.

AWWW! CAN
YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN
GET MORE LIVES OR
SOMETHING?

For hints and
tips, say "A."

THANK
GOODNESS.
"A"



To find extra lives and other

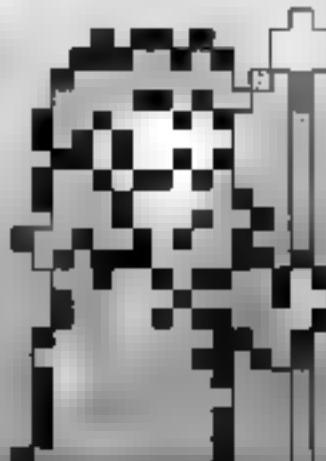
I SUPPOSE THIS IS A BAD TIME
FOR ME TO SAY SOMETHING, HUH?

ability to turn into creamy nougat.

HEY!

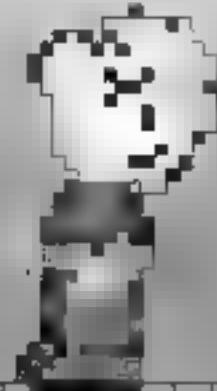
AWWW— HENCHBOY LOST HIS HINT.

YOU DID THAT
ON PURPOSE!



AND IT FELT GOOD, LEMME
TELL YA. HEE-HEE!

OH, YOU...YOU...
FOOTNOTE!



HEY! KNOCK IT OFF! I'VE
GOT A BAD BACK AS IT IS!

BIF!

BIF!



TAKE
THAT! AND THAT! AND
THAT!



IT'S IT.
THAT'S IT. I'M OUT TA HERE.

BIF!

BIF!



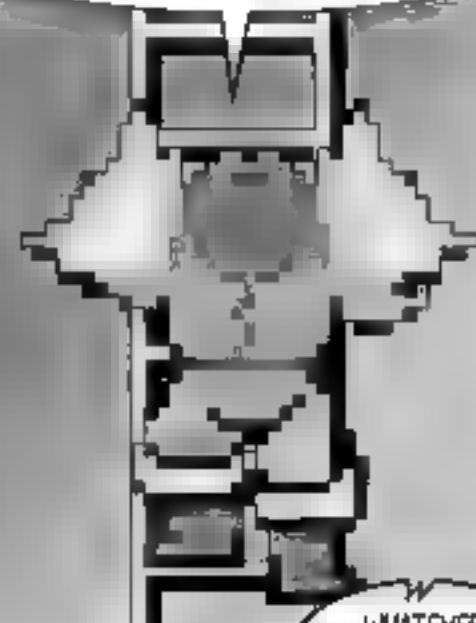
FINALLY!
MAN, NOBUWIC, THAT
WAS MORON I HAD TO WATCH
YOU ALMOST GET US
KILLED!

BY ALL
MEANS, SHAD ME
UP AND GET THIS WHOLE
MESS TAKEN CARE
OF!



NO PROBLEM. THERE'S
A BUNCH OF PRINCESSES RIDING ON THIS. I THINK I'VE
GOT BETTER THAN AVERAGE ODDS OF GETTING A DATE
BEFORE WE'RE DONE!

WHATEVER
MOTIVATES YOU, I
GUESS.



YEE-HAW!
THIS IS ACTUALLY
FUN!

JUST LET ME
KNOW WHEN I CAN OPEN
MY EYES...

GONE

WHOA

PLEASE
TELL ME THIS IS
STILL FUN

WE'RE ABOUT
TO FIND OUT...

YEAGAR FOUND HIDDEN POWERUP!

DRUNKEN STUPOR MODE!

IS THIS
GOOD?

YOU DESMINE
FADING ARM UNSTOPPABLE.
BLE-BLE!

YEAGAR

SUPER SOUSE ATTACK!
FINISH HIM!

LICHADRAKE

ADM GON
RETURNG YER FACEHONES, YA UGLY
SUMBAGGER!

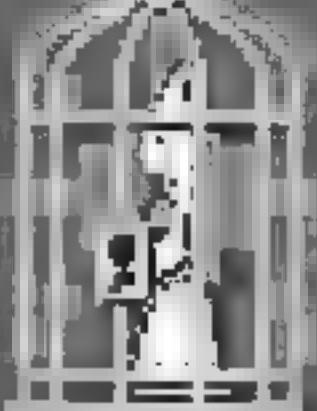
ZAP!

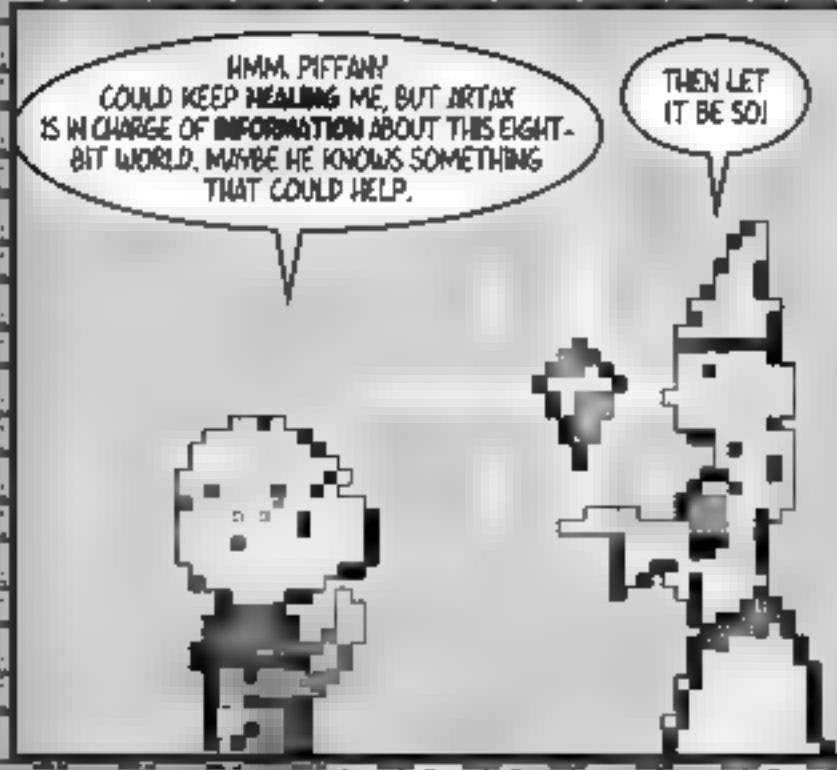
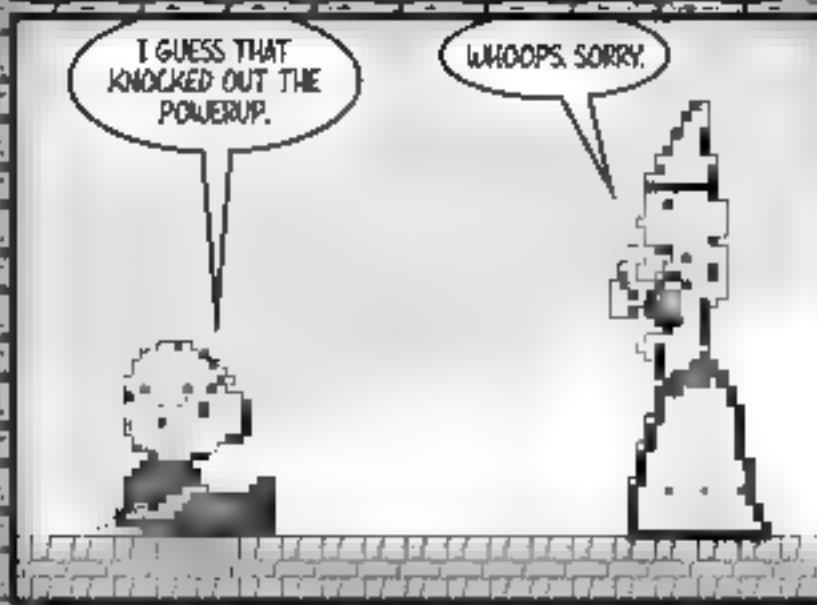
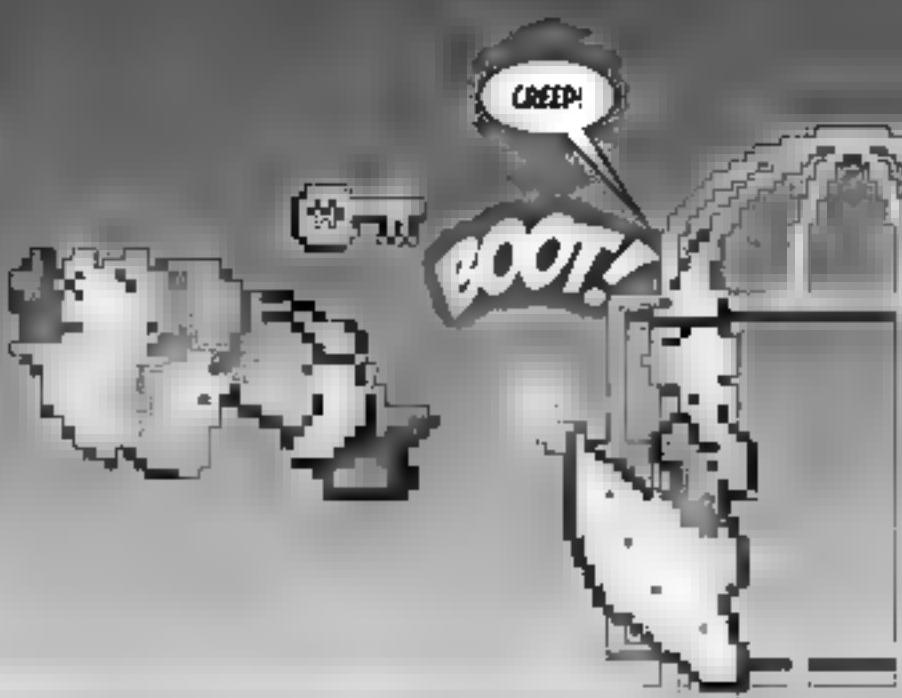
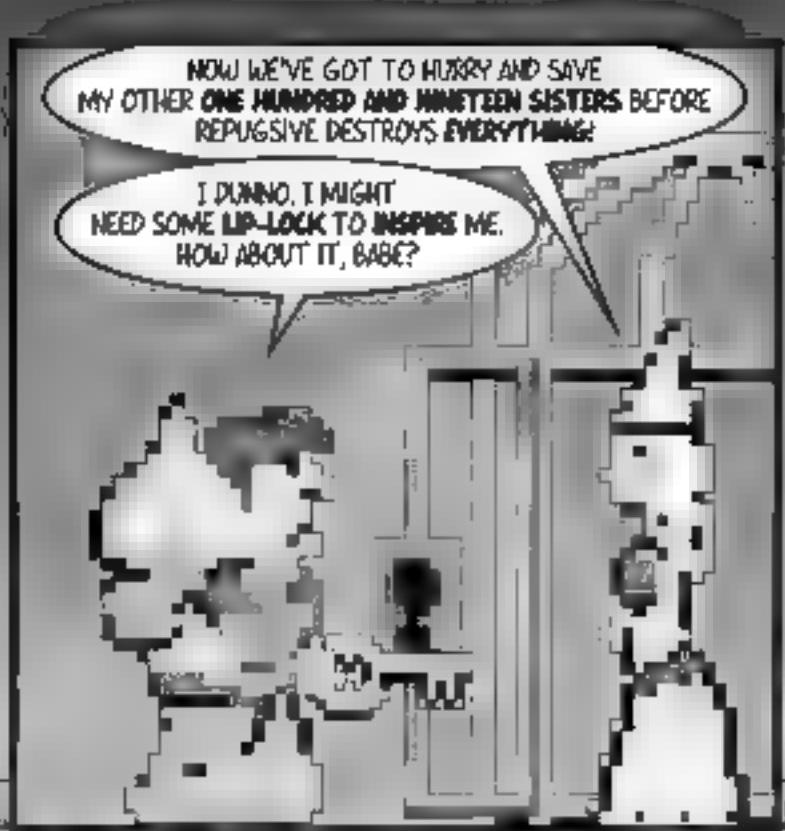
PIRATE BREATH FATALITY!

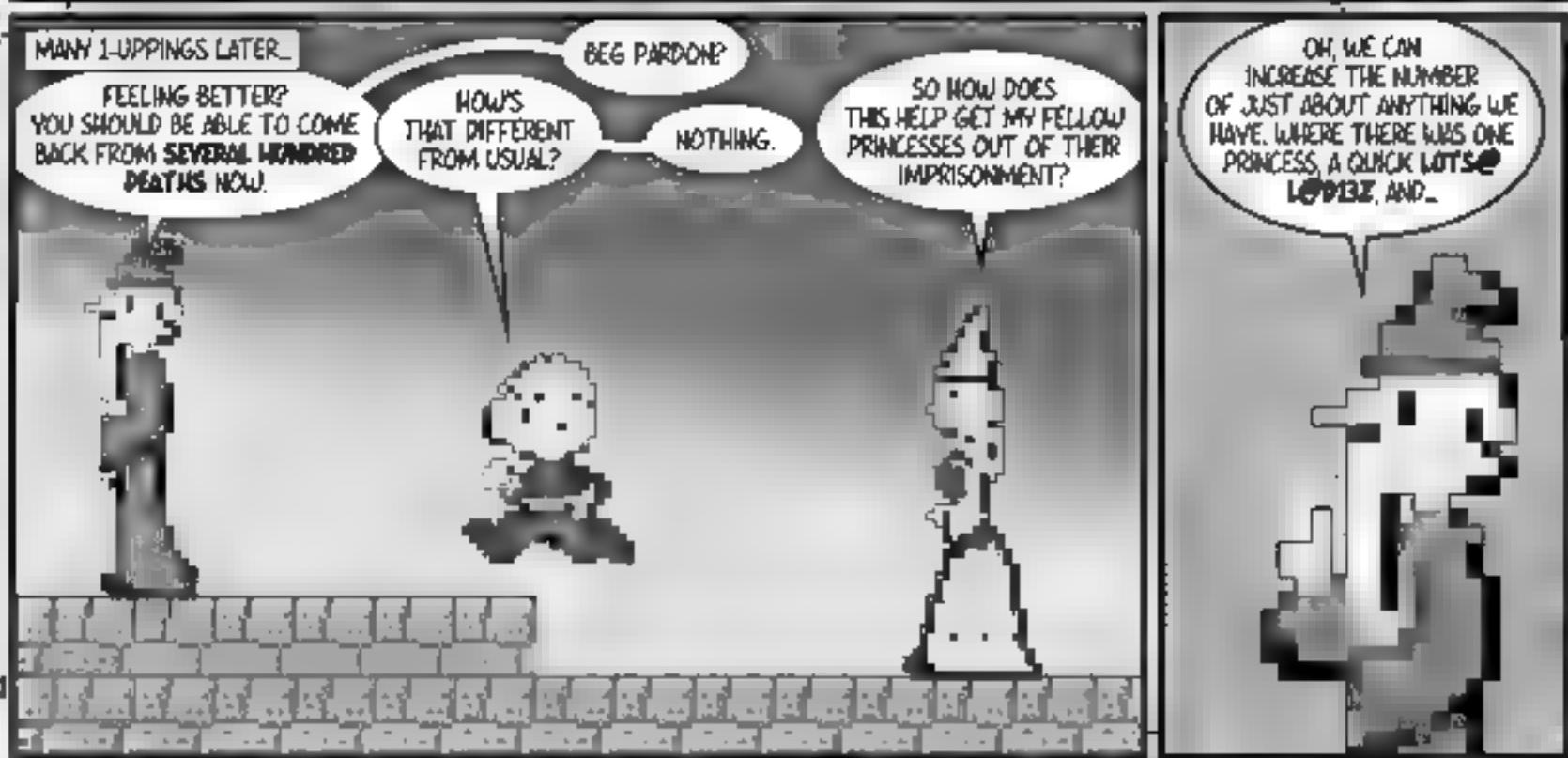
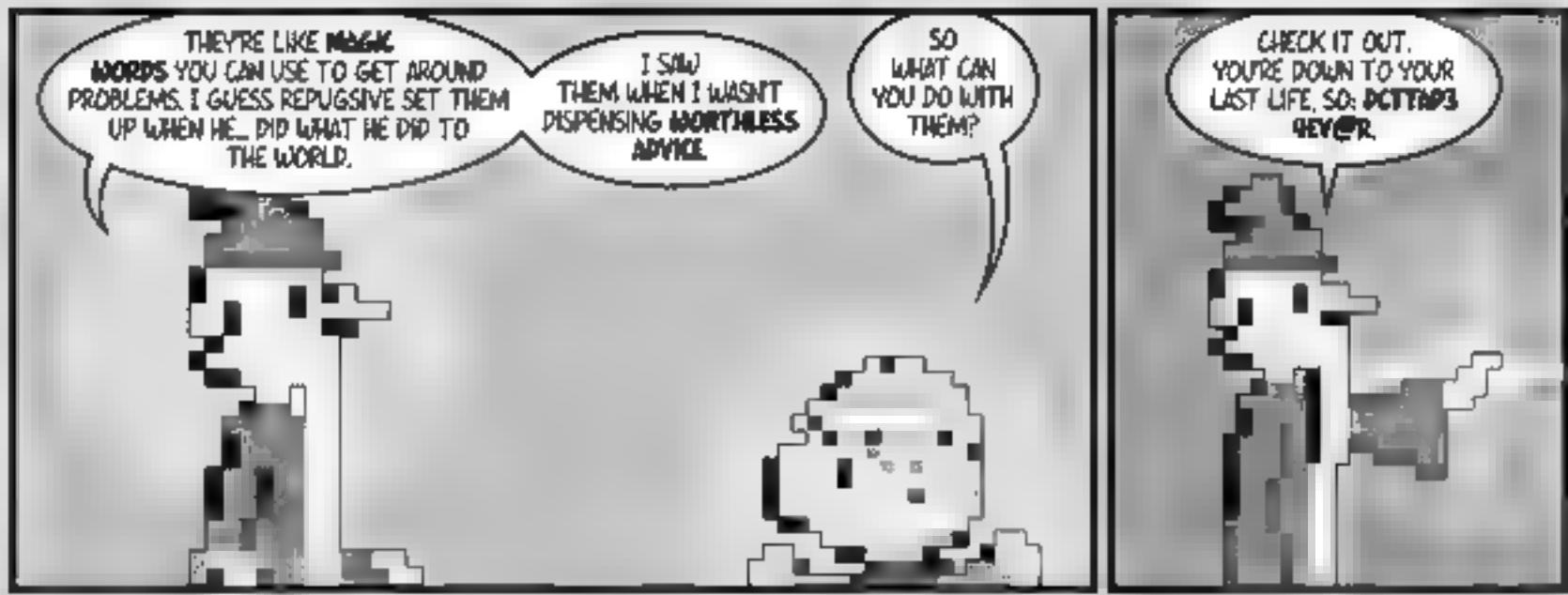
SOBRIETY!

OO-LA-LA!

PLEASE SAVE
ME! THE WORLD DEPENDS
ON IT!







LATER, WHEN EVERYONE IS FREE...

HEY, ART, IS THERE A CHEAT CODE I COULD USE ON THESE CHICKS, SAY, NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT?

EVEN IF THERE IS ONE, THERE ISN'T ONE. GOT IT?

GOT IT.

SO, SINCE WE HAVE OVER A HUNDRED BITS, CAN'T WE KEEP REPUGNIVE FROM DESTROYING THE WORLD WITH THE EIGHT HE HAS?

NO. THE INNER CHAMBER OF CASTLE GOLLYPON, WHERE REPUGNIVE RESIDES, IS THE ONLY PLACE OUR BITS CAN BE USED TO HOLD REALITY TOGETHER.

HEY, WHY WOULD A BUNCH OF PRINCESSES HOLE UP IN A HIDDEN CASTLE, ANYWAY?

WELL, WE'RE SAFE FROM DRAGON KIDNAPPINGS, AND THE MARKET FOR PRINCES IS SLIGHTLY ON THE INCREASE THESE DAYS.

AND THE JOB PROTECTING THE BITS?

EVERYONE NEEDS A HOBBY.

FAIR ENOUGH.

OKAY, I'VE USED A CHEAT CODE TO OPEN A SECRET GATE UNDER CASTLE GOLLYPON, ALLOWING US TO AVOID MOST OF REPUGNIVE'S UNDEAD. WE PROBABLY DON'T HAVE LONG, BECAUSE IF I KNOW THE COUNT, HE'S MOST LIKELY MAKING ULTIMATUMS AS WE SPEAK...

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I SAID "SURRENDER OR PERISH" HOW HARD IS THAT TO UNDERSTAND?!

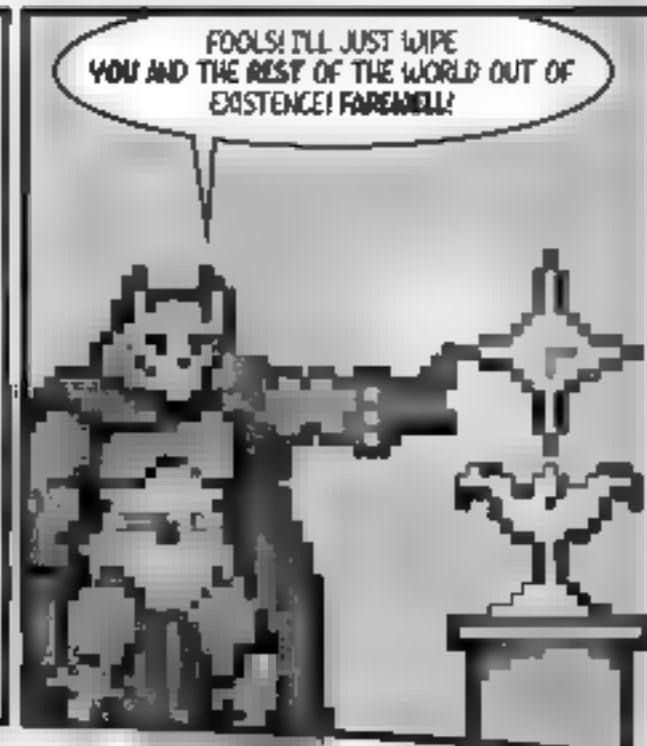
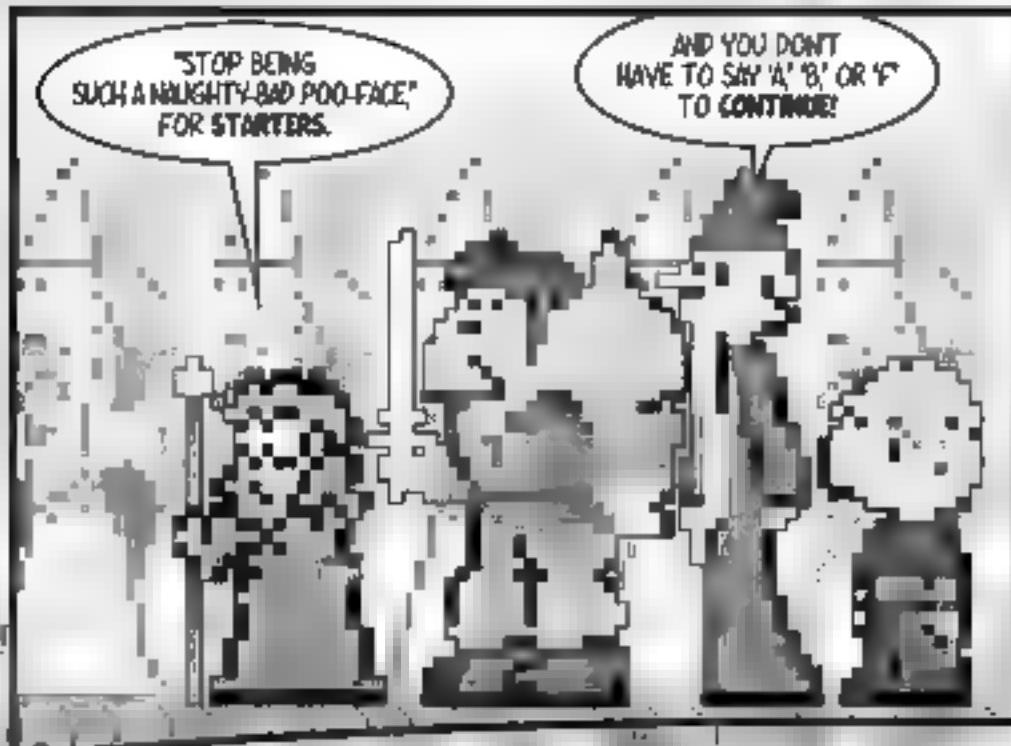
DANGIT, I SHOULD'VE KEPT A FEW MORE BITS HANDY JUST SO I COULD GIVE SOME PEOPLE ENOUGH BRAINS TO COMPREHEND WHEN THEY'RE BEING THREATENED!

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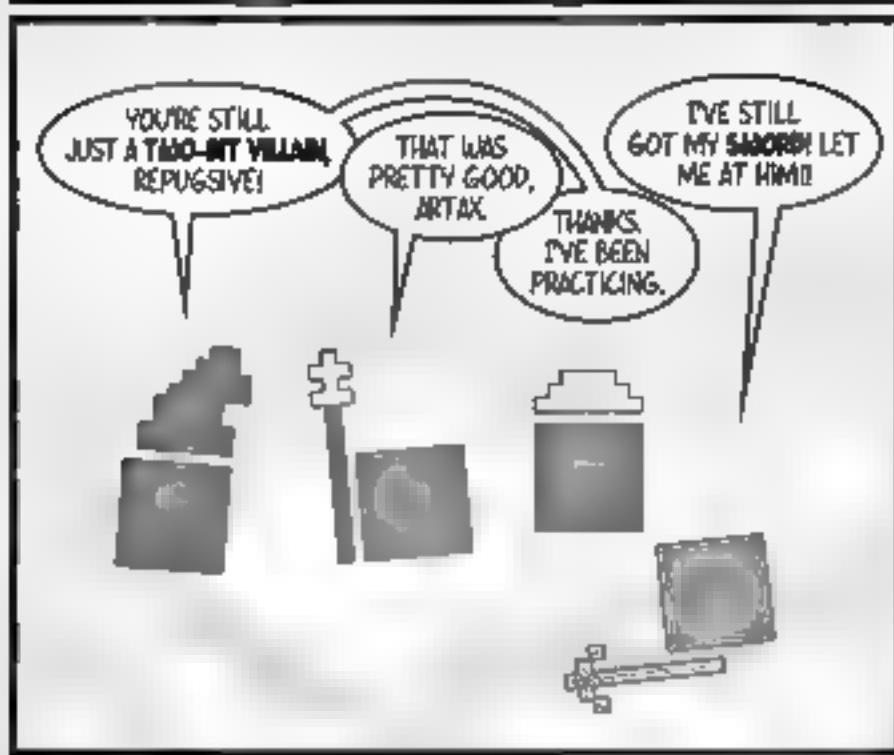
SHT UP!

YOU'D THINK THAT IF YOU LIVED AMONG UNDEAD LONG ENOUGH, YOU WOULDN'T LONG FOR INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION.

WE'VE GOT A FEW CHOICE WORDS FOR YOU.



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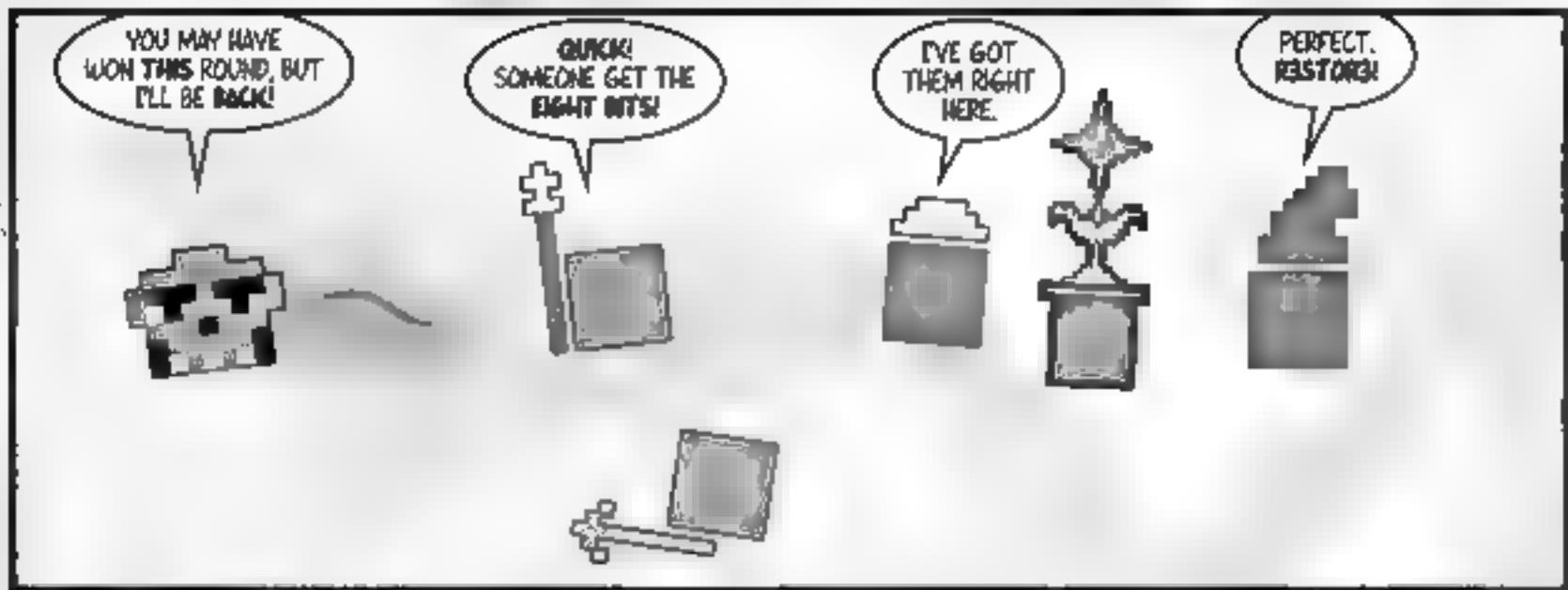
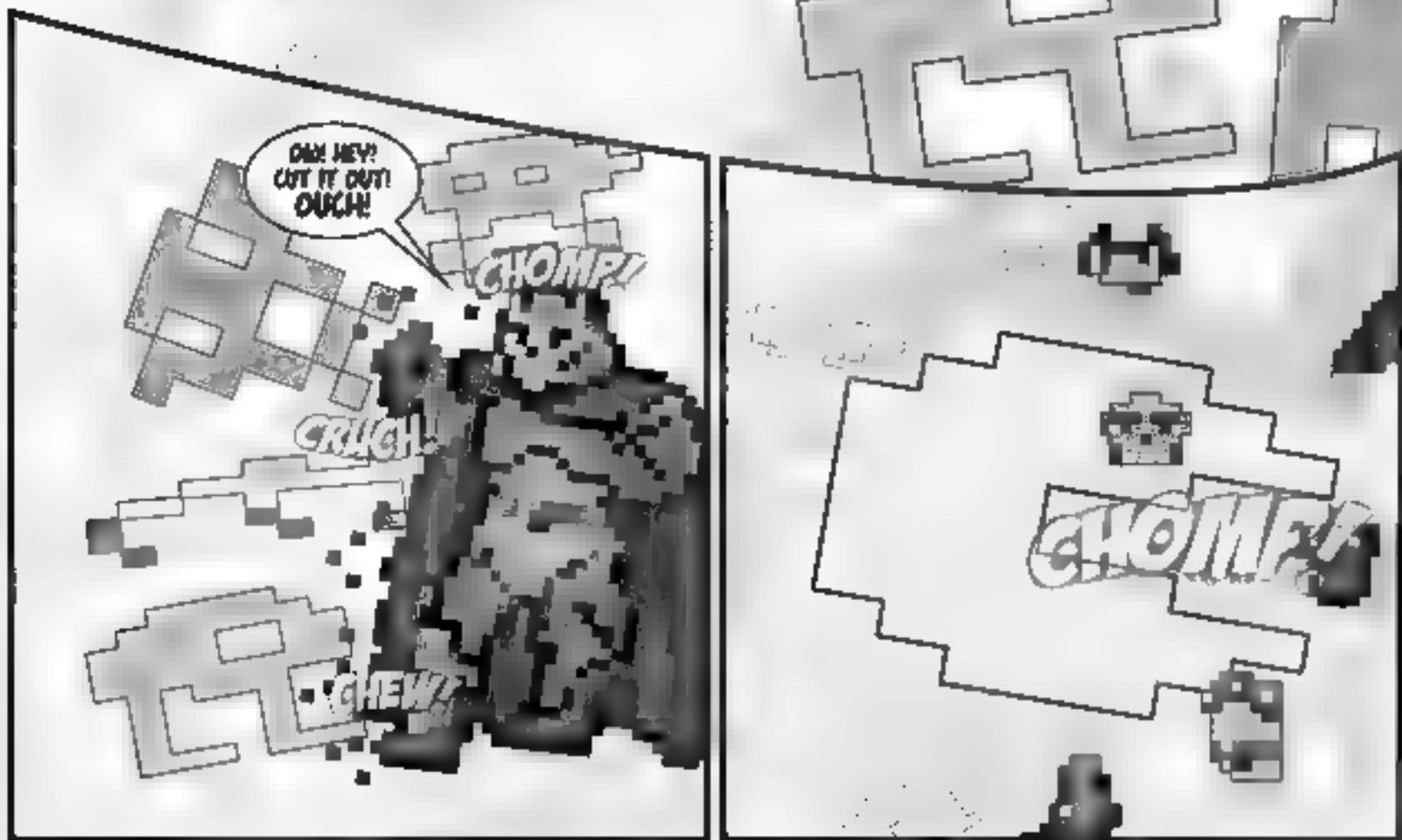
"FOR PUFFANY
AND ME TO SUMMON UP
A FEW HELPERS."

"I TRIED TO
CALL UP SOME PIXIES,
BUT THEY CALL THEMSELVES
"PIXELS" FOR SOME
REASON."

"ALL I COULD
GET WAS SOME
"SPRITES," BUT THEY
DON'T LOOK LIKE ANY
SPRITES I'VE SEEN
BEFORE."

"AT LEAST WE
GOT SOMETHING. THINK
POSITIVE!"

"IS "POSITIVE"
A ZERO OR A ONE?
I FORGET..."



NOW CAN WE GO BACK TO EVERYTHING BEING THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE THIS MESS STARTED?

OF COURSE SISTERS! FOCUS YOUR BITS AND FORGE THEM INTO A SINGLE FORM ONCE AGAIN!

WE MUST CREATE A BIG TORMENT!

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE GROWLING AT THAT LINE?

I DUNNO. I'M OVERCOME WITH ANACHRONISM, MYSELF.

THE PRINCESSES' BITS FLY TOGETHER, AND...

AH, THE THIRD DIMENSION! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MISS IT SO MUCH!

I KNOW! THESE GALS LOOK EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE!

SO... I GUESS WE WINNIN'.

HEY! THAT'S MY LINE!

OH, SORRY.

AHEM-- YOU WIN!!

ALMOST. THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING I WANT TO DO.

SO THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL HEAR FROM YOU, RIGHT?

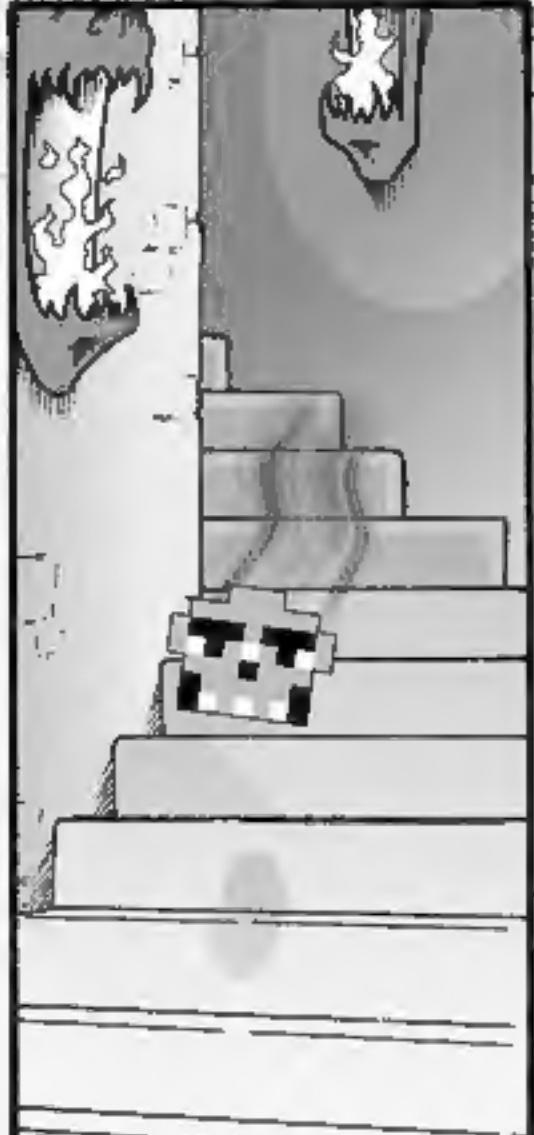
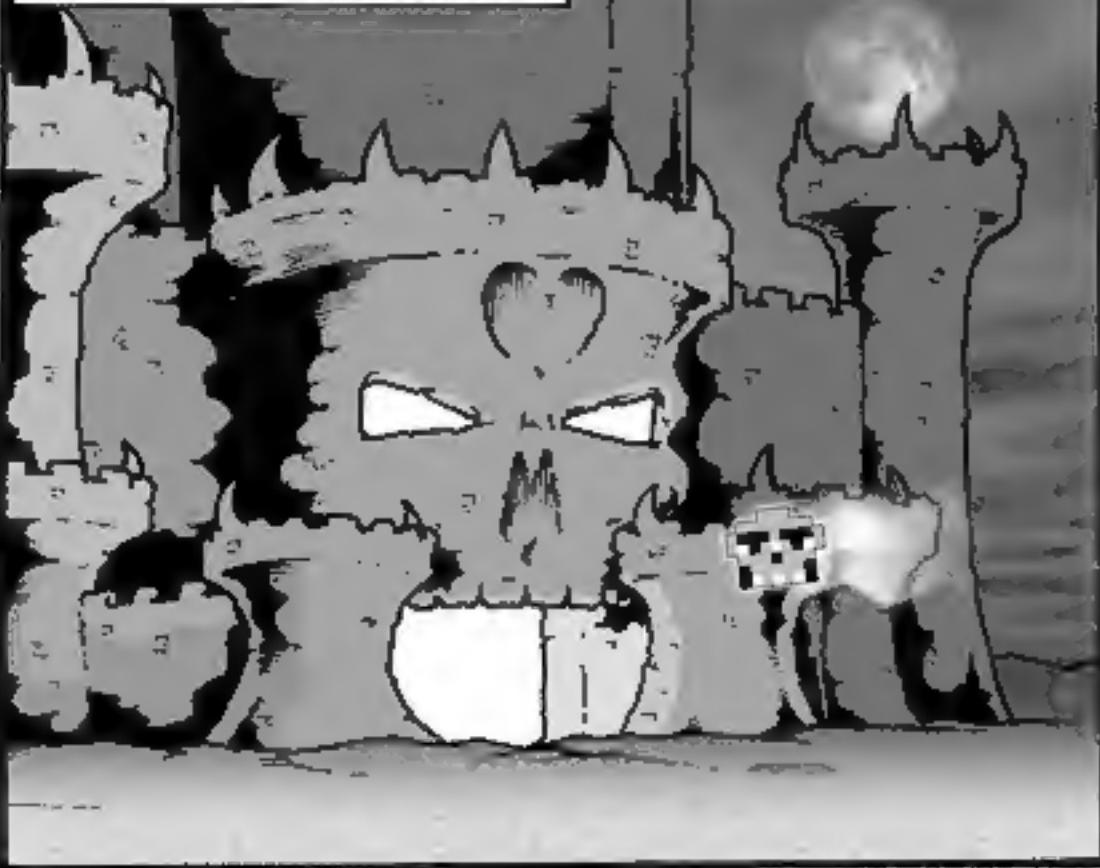
WHICH IS?

SO WHAT IF COUNT REPUGNIVE COMES BACK?

OH, NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. WE'LL USE THE POWER OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT BITS TO MOVE OUR CASTLE.

ALSO, WE'RE MAKING SURE HE'S NICE AND DISCOURAGED FROM COMING AFTER US AGAIN.

MEANWHILE, NEAR COUNT REPUGNIVE'S CASTLE...





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